

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Today's service

10:45 Morning Worship  
with Nigel Worth



## Today's readings



Acts 2: 42-47

## Prayer for the week

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## A thought from Nigel

The book of Acts tracks the story of the church as it morphs and grows from a small, niche community into a diverse movement of people from all walks of life who were connected through their mutual faith in Jesus. Broadly speaking, the church is really great at providing a place of community for people who share our values and beliefs but can easily miss out on opportunities with people who do not fit our church definition of us. As we explore together one of the vision aims - **To transform lives by helping everyone to grow and flourish and increasing the number of disciples**, we will look to understand how we can do this.

## FURNACE

By Gerard Kelly

May God in whose furnace faith is forged  
In whose being beauty breathes  
From whose dawning darkness flees  
Shine on you

May the Father whose love for you  
Beats with a rhythm time itself can't stop  
Whose presence in your exile  
Is the promise of home  
Whose certainties are deeper  
Than the cellars of your city  
Whose breath is life  
Breathe on you

May the son whose story  
Is a mirror of your own  
Who has journeyed into darkness  
To find a key to your prison  
Who has dived the deepest oceans  
To find pearls for your wisdom

Who has looked into your heart  
And found a beauty worth the battle  
Who has written your name  
On a white stone carved in secret\*  
Hold you

May the Spirit  
Who has waited millennia to fill you  
Who shaped the word that moved the wind  
Of the morning that conceived you  
Who holds the earth on which you stand  
As a midwife holds a newborn  
Who fully knows you  
Wholly own you

So may God  
The faithful Father  
God the scarred Son  
God the sculpting Spirit  
Journey with you

'Furnace' in I See a New City: Poems of Place  
and Possibility (Chamine Press, 2020)

## CHURCH CALENDAR



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**11:00 Service at Netherhall**

with Sean and Sandra O'Toole

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**10:45 Holy Communion**

with Rev Mike Firbank

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**10:30 Coffee & Conversation**

at Goseley Community Centre

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**2.15pm Harvest Service**

for Hartshorne Primary School

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**11:45 Visiting ringers**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**2pm Wedding of Andrew & Emma**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**10:45 Morning Worship**

with Debbie Patrick

## Cleaning Rota

Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
" "	Bill	Brasses
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch

## Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	John	Sandra/Sean	Carol
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christine	Nigel	Maxine & Jane
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sean	Brian	Deb W
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian	Christine	Gwen
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday		James + ???
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Friday HG	Carol

## Church Vision Day

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**9am-12noon**

**in the church hall**

This is a follow-up to the Minster series. We will be looking at the Minster vision to see how we can implement it or stay as we are.

Please come along.

## Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Jeff
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine T	Andrew
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Emily
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Nathan

